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SUBJECT:

TO : Deputy Director of Intelligence, HUCOM, APO 757, US Army

Soviet Agent School in POGGENDORF

Date of observation: May - June 1947

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1. 25X1X6 is a former grammar-school teacher, living in BERLIN-CHARLOTTENBURG (N 53/Z 74). 25X1X6 has been a member of the KPD since the occupation of BERLIN by the Soviets, and has been an official of the detective police in the Soviet Sector of BERLIN since 1946. In May 1947, 25X1X6 was contacted by a Soviet commissar wearing civilian clothes. This commissar proposed that source attend an agent school and thereafter carry out special missions in the US Sector of BERLIN. After a short period of deliberation, 25X1X6 agreed upon this offer. Then he was told that he must undergo a three month course of instruction for advanced training of agents.

2. 25X1X6 was picked up by a motor car and taken to POGGENDORF (N 55/P 51) where he was billeted in a villa located on the Eastern outskirt of the town.

During the eight days which he spent in POGGENDORF, source made the following observations:

The agent school consisted of two divisions:  
Division I - Beginners (14 students at the end of May)  
Division II - Students in advanced training (8 students at the end of May 1947).

When arriving at this agent school, each student was given a cover name. Furthermore, each student had to sign a declaration in which he swore complete secrecy about his actual personal data.

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3. The students of Division II received instructions on the following subjects:

Organization of the US and the British occupational armies.  
Installations of the US and the British civil administrative authorities.

Organization of the US and British military police.  
Conduct of agents toward the German police.

Instructions on secrecy, explanation of Russian abbreviations, simple ciphering and deciphering exercises, map reading, terrain reconnaissance, and orientation by map, writing of reports on information delivered orally, methods of interrogating civilians.

Lectures on the Communist Party program.

The students were sufficiently fed. After graduation from this school, the students are issued money, cigarettes, and a liquor ration.

All instructors spoke German, but when talking to each other, they spoke only Russian.

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4. [REDACTED] was especially good in ciphering exercises. On the 7th day of his course of instruction, [REDACTED] was asked by an instructor if he would like to participate in a special course of instruction on this subject. [REDACTED] 25X1X6 accepted this offer hoping that he would be able to escape. He was informed that he would be sent to a similar school located in DAHME (N 52/E 97). On the trip (by auto) from POGGENDORF to DAHME, source managed to escape at a short stop. After having stayed with relatives in Thuringia for several weeks, [REDACTED] arrived in the Western zone on 2 August 1947.

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5. Instructors at the Agent School in POGGENDORF

- ① Vasilii KUDRYAVTSEV - Head of the school, about 45 years old.  
① Joseph BIERSTEIN - A Jew, lecturer on military and civilian administration, about 35 years old.  
① RYBAKOV - A Russian, expert in ciphering and deciphering, about 50 years old.  
① Aleksander KILKA - A Russian, about 40 years old.  
25X1A2g ① KOLOZOV - About 30 years old.

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